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COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST BAN

Indonesia, Mexico, Sri Lanka, Venezuela and Yugoslavia: draft resolution

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Recalling that Article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nulear Weapons contains an undertaking by each of the Parties to pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date,

Noting that the tenth preambular paragraph of the Treaty recalled the determination expressed by the Parties to the 1963 Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space, and under Water to seek the discontinuance of all test explosions of nuclear weapons for all time, and to continue negotiations to this end,

Recalling the priority accorded in 1968 to the conclusion of a comprehensive nuclear test ban by the three depositary Governments of the Treaty, by the Conference of Non-Nuclear Weapon States and by the General Assembly of the United Nations, */

Recalling that since 1968 the General Assembly of the United Nations has persistently called for the urgent conclusion of a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty,

Convinced that a comprehensive ban on all nuclear test explosions is an indispensable measure for the cessation of the qualitative nuclear arms race,

Considering that the significant improvement in East-West relations and the ending of the Cold War should be followed by measures aimed at the cessation of the nuclear arms race,

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*/ United Nations documents A/C.1/PV.1577, A/PV.1672, ENDC/PV.381, A/CONF.35/10 and General Assembly resolution 2455 (XXIII).

Welcoming the conference, which will be held in New York in January 1991, to consider an amendment to the 1963 Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space, and under Water to convert it into a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty,

Considering that the achievement of a comprehensive nuclear test ban would help to strengthen the Non-Proliferation Treaty and to facilitate its extension for a significant period beyond 1995,

1. Calls upon all Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons that are Parties to the 1963 Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space, and under Water to commit themselves to pursue negotiations in good faith at the test-ban amendment conference for the achievement of a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty at an early date, as an indispensable first step towards implementing their obligations under Article VI of the Non-Proliferation Treaty;

2. Recommends that the test-ban amendment conference continue its sessions until a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty is achieved.